

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1648 - SB 1781**

February 14, 2014

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Redefines “medium speed vehicle” as an electric or gas-powered motor vehicle based on the number of wheels on the vehicle, rather than based on the maximum speed of the vehicle, for the purpose of the Tennessee Motor Vehicle Title and Registration Law. Authorizes motor-driven cycles or motorcycles not equipped with a windshield that otherwise qualify as a medium speed vehicle to be registered as a medium speed vehicle; provided the operator and any passenger wears a helmet and other specified safety equipment when operated on any public road. Authorizes motor-driven cycles or motorcycles not meeting federal law pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 571.500, that otherwise qualify as a medium speed vehicle, to be registered as a medium speed vehicle, provided such vehicle is equipped with front and rear turn signal lamps and at least one head lamp, stop lamp, tail lamp, and reflex reflector. Requires the owner, when registering the vehicle, to provide the Department of Revenue (DOR) an affidavit attesting that such vehicle meets all applicable safety standards and that the operator will comply with the safety provisions of the bill. Increases the speed limit on roads and streets for which medium speed vehicles are allowed to be driven from 40 mph to 45 mph; provided such vehicles are operated at no more than 35 mph. Prohibits medium speed vehicles from being operated on the interstate and national defense highway system. Requires any operator of a low speed or medium speed vehicle to have in their possession either a valid Class D or Class M driver license, rather than a Class D driver license exclusively. Prohibits off-highway motor vehicles from being operated or driven upon a highway unless: the vehicle meets the requirements for medium speed vehicles; meets the requirements for all-terrain vehicles; or is operated or driven for the purpose of crossing a highway under certain specified circumstances.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

**Assumptions:**

- According to the Department of Safety and Homeland Security, there is no impact to the operations of the department as a result of this bill.
- According to the Department of Revenue, there will be no impact to the department as a result of this bill.
- According to the Department of Transportation, there will be no impact to the department as a result of this bill.

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- Based on all information received for the bill, including information received by the Montgomery County Clerk, the impact to state and local government as a result of this bill is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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